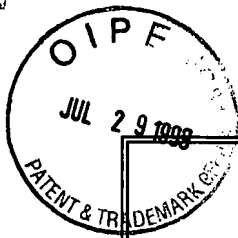


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REPLY

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 29, 1999, applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

The above-referenced application stands rejected solely under 35 U.S.C. § 102, pending correction of inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 5,786,464 and corresponding PCT application, WO 96/09378. Applicants have inquired as to the status of their petition to correct inventorship of the '464 patent and have been informed that a decision on the petition has not yet been reached by the U.S. Patent Office. To appropriately respond to